

ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION

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About the Electronic Frontier Foundation

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) membership organization that works to protect civil liberties in the digital age. Since our founding in 1990 – when most people had no idea how pervasively digital communications would impact their everyday lives and their legal rights – EFF has achieved significant victories for the public interest in the areas of privacy, free speech, copyright, transparency, and innovation. EFF is a member-supported organization based in San Francisco, California.

Leveraging the expertise of lawyers, policy analysts, activists, and technologists, EFF fights for freedom primarily in the courts, bringing and defending lawsuits even when that means taking on the U.S. government or large corporations. By mobilizing more than 83,000 individuals through our *Amicus* of concerned citizens, more than 27,000 Twitter followers, and nearly 15,000 Facebook members, EFF beats back bad legislation. In addition, EFF advises policymakers, educates the press and the public on issues related to law and technology, and develops technological tools that enhance digital freedoms.

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- Name EFF as your designated charity in your employer's automatic payroll deduction plan.
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- Take advantage of your employer's matching gifts program.
- Donate stock and receive special tax deductions.
- Include EFF in your will.

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Letter from the Director

Dear Friend of Freedom,

Over the past year, EFF achieved victories and overcame challenges in the fight for our digital rights. Internet property rights holders tried to hold intermediaries such as YouTube, Google and eBay liable for copyright and trademark violations committed by their users. Courts held that the NSA and without A&T could spy on innocent Americans without warrants. And the right to speak anonymously was challenged (again).

Still we scored a few big victories, such as the Copyright Office and Librarian of Congress granting all groups of EFF's DMCA exemptions, affirming your rights to "rip" DVDs for video remixes and other fair uses, to "jailbreak" your cell phone to run applications of your choice, and to "unlock" your phone so you can use it on the network of your choice.

We continued our important work using the Freedom of Information Act to learn what the government has been up to. And we created a tracker to let Internet users know what companies are up to as they change their terms of service agreements.

All in all, we've been quite busy. Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Shari Steele, Executive Director
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